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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

North Eastern Wisconsin Hydro, LLC

Project No. 8015-004

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY AMENDMENT AND SOLICITING COMMENTS, MOTIONS TO INTERVENE, AND PROTESTS

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. Application Type: Temporary Amendment

b. Project No.: 8015-004

c. Date Filed: August 13, 2015

d. Applicant: North Eastern Wisconsin Hydro, LLC

e. Name of Project: Shawano Paper Mills Dam Project

f. Location: The project is located on the Wolf River in Shawano County, Wisconsin.

g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 USC 791(a) – 825(r)

h. Applicant Contact: Robert A. Gates, EVP of Operations, Eagle Creek Renewable Energy, 116 N. State St., P.O. Box 167, Neshkoro, WI 54960; telephone: (920) 293-8087.

i. FERC Contact: Christopher Chaney, telephone: (202) 502-6778, and email address: christopher.chaney@ferc.gov.

j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests is 15 days from the issuance date of this notice by the Commission.

All documents may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's website at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online

Support at <u>FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov</u> or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail a copy to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. Please include the project number (P-8015-004) on any comments or motions filed.

- k. Description of Request: The exemptee is seeking a temporary amendment to operate the project at a target elevation of 802.9 feet mean sea level (msl), or 0.4 foot above the authorized target elevation of 802.5 feet msl. The exemptee would continue to operate within the authorized elevation range of 801.83 feet msl and 803.17 feet msl. The exemptee states it has been operating at the 802.9 feet elevation and that the amendment is necessary to address public concerns about recreation and possible public safety issues when operating the project at the authorized target elevation. During the proposed temporary amendment, which would end on September 1, 2017, the exemptee plans to study the feasibility of permanently amending the exemption to operate at the higher target elevation.
- l. Locations of the Application: A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371. This filing may also be viewed on the Commission's website at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above.

You may also register online at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

- m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.
- n. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene: Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.
- o. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents: All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE" as

applicable; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). All comments, motions to intervene, or protests should relate to project works which are the subject of the amendment application. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application. If an intervener files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

Dated: August 26, 2015.

Kimberly Bose, Secretary.

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